

bill was slightly different, it did substitute the word "private" for "NOT FOR HIRE". And my wife sat through the hearing there and she was somewhat offended because in all the years that she's driven a farm truck she has never been accosted by anybody, though, that took those words "NOT FOR HIRE" literally. So, that did offend her somewhat. So we killed that bill. But, seriously, I don't think we should do that. This issue has not had a public hearing. It did have a public hearing last year. And basically the reason those words are in there is because the trucking industry objects to taking them out. As a farmer and a rancher, I have no opposition to leaving those on there. And, if the truckers would rather have those on there, that specifically reminds people that those trucks are not for hire, I think we should leave them in there. This is not the proper forum to be considered to take those words out of there. So I would certainly strongly oppose the amendment by Senator Coordsen.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Well, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I would just voice my support of Senator Lamb. We heard this bill, this bill has not been heard this year. It's an amendment that is being tacked on on the floor without a public hearing. We've had this over the years. Part of the trouble has been is that there is still a lot of farmers out there that do use their trucks beyond what they are supposed to. And when we put this part in the bill, years ago, it was hoped that psychologically this would help and it would also help some of the elevators in the fact that if the farmer come in and had somebody else's grain on they could bring it to their attention that they were not to be hired. So this is basically what it was in there for. I would also oppose the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen and Senator Haberman.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I would apologize to the members of the Transportation Committee for the lack of introducing this as a formal bill this year, but quite frankly, as I indicated in my opening testimony, this was brought to me Monday of this week, this particular concern. I don't disagree with the opposition as to the intent, but how much do we need to put on license plates? The law specifically states that you cannot use a farm truck, or a truck licensed as a farm truck for commercial purposes. How many other warnings do we need to put